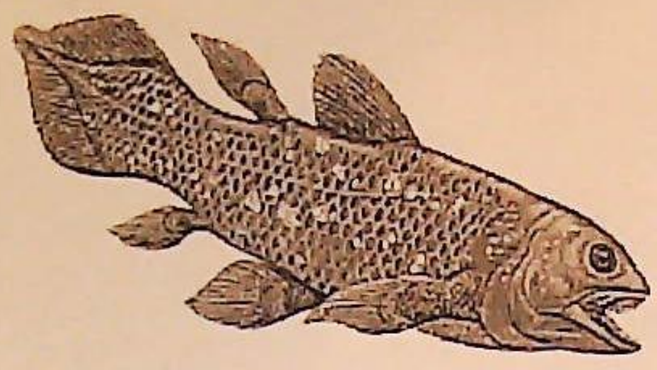

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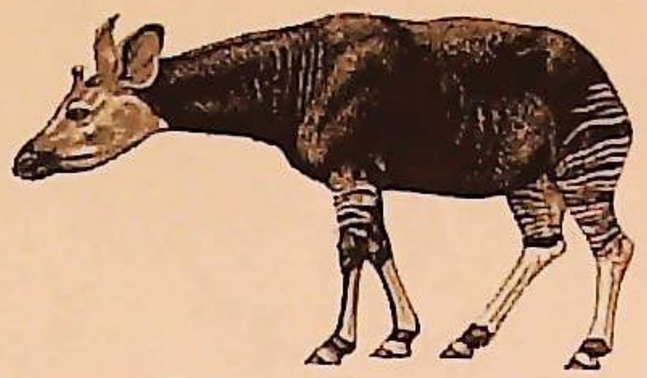

GUST 99 expedition (Norway) by Jan-Ove Sundberg

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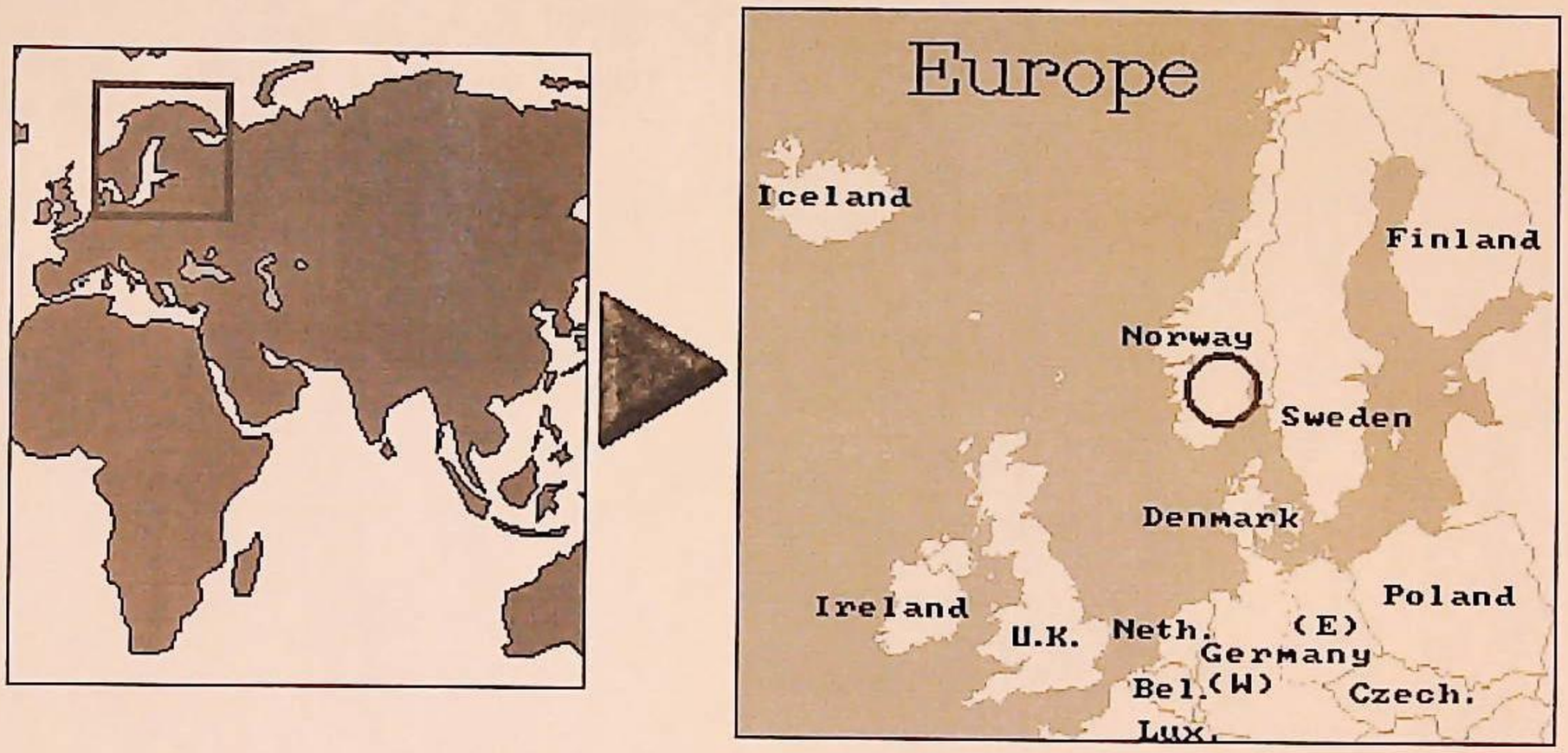

Seljordsvatnet Lake, in Norway, is famous for the numerous sightings of a "lake monster", nicknamed *Selma*, looking much like the Loch Ness monster.

An expedition by Swedish journalist Jan-Ove Sundberg, with Belgian Eric Joye, president of the *ABEPAR* and editor of *Cryptozoologia*, took place in August 1999, and it obtained significant results. Other members of the expedition were Peter Caspersson, Eele Jansma, Inge Falk, Jerker Berg, Belgian, and the four Englishmen Adam Davies, Andy Sanderson, Keith Townley and Steve Barkley.

Jan-Ove Sundberg had made several missions to Seljordsvatnet Lake, but he used for the first time new subaquatic device. Instead of expecting results from active research (echosounders, side scan sonars, ROVs and other noisy high technologies), he used passive listening through hydrophones buoyed at a depth of about 30 m.
On August 20, 1999, peculiar sounds from the depth were recorded for the first time, then up to 8 times per day, sometimes very close, sometimes further away. Their frequency spectrum is between 200-400 Hz, and several specialists could study them. Doctor Aud Vold Soldal, from the Marine Research Institute in Bergen (Norway), said that 15 of the best European experts had listened to these sounds : most of them agree that they could come from a large mammal, for instance a seal, a sea-lion or a whale.

For more details :

Jan-Ove Sundberg's we site : http://www.bahnhof.se/~wizard/cryptoworld/
The page of this site on *Gust 99* expedition with a sound file (.wav) from the records obtained by the team : http://www.bahnhof.se/~wizard/gust/index3.htm

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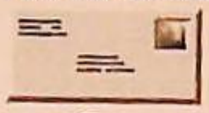

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